

thousands—some say the infection rate is upward of 20 percent—into the interior of our country and into our communities while we the American people have spent trillions of dollars and made untold sacrifices to help our country get back to its feet. It is just unbelievable.

Those poor Border Patrol agents, who have had to hear that they too should be defunded, are hamstrung, at best. They see the revolving door.

How would you like to go to work every day, Mr. Speaker, with a clear mission, and a righteous and patriotic mission, to secure the border and protect your citizens and have a Commander in Chief who says come one, come all, and has such little regard for the rule of law and for those who risk their lives every day to enforce it?

These are just the cold, hard facts. It is the truth. I believe, and always have, in the American people's good judgment. While some folks may have had an aversion to the style and personality of the last President—I can appreciate that—they have to look back and say that he achieved unprecedented results that left this Nation safer, stronger, and more prosperous than we have been in recent history, if ever.

Mr. Speaker, I pray our country will return to that level of strength, and I pray this President will embrace the facts and reality. I hope he comes to visit border States like Texas and listens to the cries that have gone unheard from his administration, from the people of Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, California, and throughout this land who need him to step up and be our Commander in Chief.

Mr. Speaker, I am done, and I yield back the balance of my time.

HONORING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. SOTO) for 16 minutes, half the time remaining until 10:00 p.m.

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, in honor of Women's History Month, I would like to recognize Sami Haiman-Marrero.

Sami Haiman-Marrero is the president and CEO of URBANDER, a firm that assists the corporate, nonprofit, and government sectors in overcoming diversity, equity, inclusion, and multicultural marketing challenges.

Under Sami's leadership, URBANDER received the Orlando Business Journal's 2020 Diversity in Business Helping Hand Award for their work impacting underrepresented and underserved communities.

Sami's career started in New York City over 25 years ago in public relations, marketing, and publishing. Her career highlights include handling the first-ever Spanish-language U.S. Presidential media campaign in 1996, which led to winning the highly coveted Hispanic vote, becoming the publisher of a

national Hispanic magazine, and being interviewed on the U.S. Latino experience by The Wall Street Journal, El Nuevo Dia, Huffington Post, MSNBC, Florida Trend, NBCNews.com, and Canada's CBC News.

Haiman-Marrero earned a master's in communications from the University of Puerto Rico and was recognized in 2016 as one of Vision Magazine's 25 Most Influential Hispanics in Central Florida. She has served on prestigious boards such as Visit Orlando, United Arts, Hispanic American Professional Business Women's Association, and Prospera's technical assistance committee.

In 2017, after Hurricane Maria devastated her beloved Puerto Rico, Sami launched a nonprofit called SOS by URBANDER. SOS creates and implements culturally competent social mobility programs such as Talleres de Bienvenida, The Azalea Project, and job readiness training.

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SOS is also the Del Ambiente, and Gender Advancement Project's fiscal sponsor, which supports LGBTQ-plus people of color.

In 2019, Orange County Commissioner Maribel Gomez Cordero appointed Sami to the county's Arts and Culture Council, where she serves as chair of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committee. She was also an official delegate of the Second Annual Latino Leadership Summit held at the United Nations by the We Are All Human organization.

For this and more, Ms. Maiman-Marrero, we honor you.

HONORING WENDY COSCHIGNANO FORD

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, in honor of Women's History Month, I would like to recognize Wendy Coschignano Ford.

Wendy Coschignano Ford was appointed the chief executive officer for the Osceola Council on Aging in 2019. Wendy's career with the OCOA is expansive, spending the past 20 years in key positions within the council, including serving as the director housing and finance.

During the past two decades, Wendy's multidisciplinary approach led to her appointment to the agency's top position. She effectively managed six separate housing communities and successfully developed, negotiated, and managed many commercial contracts while leading the implementation of strategic planning and marketing strategies.

Since 2019, OCOA has seen exponential increases in sustainable operations, collaborations with the Osceola and central Florida community, and new initiatives, which have increased revenue, client satisfaction, profitability, and reimbursement growth.

The Osceola Council on Aging's mission is to provide services to enable independence and self-sufficiency with Osceola County seniors, disabled adults, disadvantaged individuals, and impoverished families.

Wendy's colleagues state she is always committed to "achieving the

highest standards of performance and leadership" while embodying the heart of the council's mission.

Wendy is a graduate of the University of Central Florida's business school, and will be completing her MBA degree in July of this year. Wendy holds Housing and Urban Development certifications with Assistant Housing Manager and Housing Credit Certified Professional designations.

She was recently awarded two Certificates of Achievement from HUD for Superior Real Estate Assessment Center Outcomes; recognized for implementing the 'Senior/Kid Companion' program at the State of Florida National Community Service Conference, a recognition designated by former Secretary of State Colin Powell.

Further, Wendy is a member of the Kissimmee Police Department's Crime Free initiative program, and a graduate of the University of Florida's LeadingAge Leadership Academy in 2009, along with Leadership Osceola 2019.

Wendy has been married to her husband, Chip, for 11 years. She has two children and two grandchildren.

For this and more, Wendy Coschignano Ford, we honor you.

HONORING VIANCA MCCLUSKEY

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, in honor of Women's History Month, I would like to recognize Vianca McCluskey.

Vianca is the administrator at the Florida Department of Health in Osceola County. She spent more than 20 years of public health experience with 15 years dedicated to leading health departments and federally qualified health centers.

During her career, she has collaborated with county governments, governing boards, and community partners to address health issues and ensure the provision of programs and services for vulnerable populations.

Her public health career began in Tennessee, where she was the State's first African-American county health deputy director. She directed operations at one of the largest rural health departments, which received recognition for its diabetes and community-wide weight loss programs.

After accepting the executive director position with Primary Care Medical Services of Poinciana, a federally qualified health center operated by the health department, she relocated to Osceola County in 2008, with her husband, Dale, and son, Jackson. She oversaw the Federal Health Resources and Services Administration, HRSA, grant and the delivery of comprehensive culturally competent healthcare and dental healthcare services to the community.

In 2012, she accepted a leadership position with the Community Health Centers, Inc., to oversee multispecialty sites serving vulnerable and underserved populations.

In 2018, she returned to the Florida Department of Health in Osceola County as the administrator. She is currently leading the agency through an

unprecedented and extended response to the COVID-19 pandemic. She and her dedicated team at the health department have worked tirelessly to maintain essential public health services during a large-scale emergency response effort.

She continues to work closely with community partners to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 in Osceola County, Florida. She is a member of the National Association of County and City Health Officials, Florida Public Health Association, Health Leadership Council, AdventHealth Kissimmee Advisory Council, and Osceola County Council on Aging board.

For this and more, Ms. Vianca McCluskey, we honor you.

HONORING RHONDA WILSON

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, in honor of Women's History Month, I would like to recognize Rhonda Wilson.

Ms. Rhonda Wilson, who has her MS, MBA, and MS, is a victims service administrator with over 32 years of professional nonprofit criminal justice and military experience. She has earned three graduate degrees: A master of human services with a criminal justice specialization, a master of business administration, and a master of administration in justice and security.

Since 2009, Rhonda has been a leader for the Victims Service Center of Central Florida, where she has worked as a victim advocate and crisis counselor, community education coordinator, and, most recently, as an advocacy services supervisor where she oversees 10 master's level crisis counselors and interns.

Prior to her work with the Victims Service Center, Ms. Wilson proudly served in the United States Navy for 20 years, specializing in military justice. She took that knowledge and experience and, upon retiring from the Navy, served as the director of an 88-bed residential reentry center helping Federal inmates transition back into the community.

Rhonda has extensive training related to sexual assault and assisting victims of crime. She is a member of the Sexual Assault Response Team and the Florida Crisis Response Team. She was one of the initial first responders in the aftermath of the Pulse mass shooting tragedy and is often called upon to provide emotional support to law enforcement professionals when impacted by violence.

Rhonda is a respected leader and professional in the field of victim services and was recognized as Victim Advocate of the Year in 2017 by Central Florida Victim Services Network.

For this and more, Ms. Rhonda Wilson, we honor you.

HONORING ESTHER SANCHEZ COLON

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, in honor of Women's History Month, I would like to recognize Esther Sanchez Colon.

At the age of 17, Esther Sanchez Colon began her healthcare journey as a secretary for a medical services and transport company in Puerto Rico. Her

interest was sparked through each EMS call, which offered her a chance to help a person or family in need.

She eventually became a dispatcher and discovered her passion for caring for others was her calling, not just a career focus. The paramedics she worked with encouraged her to follow that passion, and, in 2000, she became a registered nurse.

Esther Sanchez Colon now lives in Florida and is a clinical coordinator in Poinciana's Medical Center's emergency department. She has been with the hospital for more than 7 years and demonstrates exceptional leadership, both with the Poinciana ER and the Poinciana area community.

Esther serves as a pastor in her church and is currently finishing her doctorate in ministry. Specializing in both nursing and ministry has helped her be an uplifting resource for patients and their families in their time of need.

Because of her immeasurable compassion and efforts to make a positive impact in the lives of others, she received The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses in 2018. Today, her dedication to helping others is stronger than ever, and she feels blessed to be of service during difficult times.

From supporting her colleagues to caring for patients and their families, she continues to excel in her role and live out the HCA healthcare mission, "Above all else, we are committed to the care and improvement of human life."

For this and more, Ms. Esther Sanchez Colon, we honor you.

HONORING BELINDA JOHNSON-CORNETT

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, in honor of Women's History Month, I would like to recognize Belinda Johnson-Cornett, who has her MS, RN-BC, and MBA.

Ms. Belinda Johnson-Cornett is a board-certified registered nurse with years of experience in the healthcare industry as a practitioner and healthcare executive.

She has earned a master of science and master of business administration degree. She is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in business.

During the 2008 through 2017 period, she served as the administrator and health officer and chief executive officer of the combined Florida Department of Health in Osceola County and Osceola Community Health Services. She remained as chief executive officer of Osceola Community Health Services as the agency transitioned in 2017 to a private, nonprofit federally qualified health center.

Ms. Johnson-Cornett is recognized as a dedicated health advocate, having led many initiatives to increase healthcare access for uninsured and underserved populations. She is a strong supporter of decreasing health disparities by improving social determinants of health for at-risk populations.

She has worked tirelessly to advance community partner engagement in collaborative strategies to improve

healthcare access and enhance community resources.

Her leadership was the key driver in 2010 in mobilizing community partners from health, business, government, elected officials, community organizations, faith-based and involved citizenry in an Osceola Health Summit, which continues as an annual event.

Ms. Johnson-Cornett has had numerous achievements and recognitions, some of which include the National Leadership Academy for Public Health's 2012 Inaugural Leadership Program; selection as Florida's Outstanding Women in Public Health in 2014; a 2019 inaugural graduate of the National Association of County and City Health Officials Survive and Thrive Fellowship; and Osceola County's Lieutenant Lloyd Burton, Jr., Service Award in 2020.

Ms. Johnson-Cornett's leadership has brought many tangible results into Osceola County, including \$8.3 million in Federal capital improvement funding in 2011, \$5.5 million in resources for the disadvantaged minority community of Marydia, and many millions in Federal and private grant funding.

For this and more, Ms. Belinda Johnson-Cornett, we honor you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will suspend.

Seeing no other Members seeking recognition, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. SOTO) for the remainder of the half hour, 14 minutes.

HONORING ANN CLAUSSEN

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, in honor of Women's History Month, I would like to recognize Ann Claussen.

Ann Claussen has served in various leadership positions for 29 years in Polk County, Florida. During her career with State Farm Insurance Company, she has held many different leadership positions in the life and health company, and served as the credit union manager for 9 years, overseeing a \$240 million credit union with 1,100 members throughout the State of Florida.

In January 2014, Ms. Claussen took a leap of faith to start her new career as the CEO of Central Florida Healthcare. Serving in this role has allowed her to follow her lifelong passion for making a difference in her community by providing a patient-centered medical home to over 56,000 patients.

With growth in 14 clinics and 500 employees, Ms. Claussen's passion for serving her community is demonstrated each day by her genuine compassion to be a servant leader. With an understanding of building relationships and partnering for a healthier community, she serves on the United Way board, Junior Diabetes Research Foundation, and other boards and committees to ensure that our communities are working together in providing quality healthcare for everyone, regardless of their ability to pay.

Ms. Claussen's goal is to continue to focus on expanding healthcare and creating a positive work environment surrounded by people who share her passion for making a difference in our community.

With her caring heart, she leads by example and has been instrumental in partnering with other community leaders who have the same passion to serve.

Ann is married to Jim and has two sons, Justin and Ryan.

For this and more, Ms. Ann Claussen, we honor you.

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HONORING JENNIE CYRAN

Mr. SOTO. In honor of Women's History Month, I would like to recognize Jennie Cyran.

Ms. Jennie Cyran, a resident of Haines City, currently serves as a 5th grade English language arts teacher in Polk County Public Schools. She transferred schools to help overcome turnaround status and provide a consistent, quality education to all students.

She is an accomplished visionary leader with 5 years of teaching experience in Polk County. She stops at nothing to advocate for what is best for her students and teachers all over the State of Florida.

Some of Ms. Cyran's most notable accomplishments in education include being named to NPR's Best Commencement Speeches Ever list in 2014 for her graduation speech from Niagara University; being nominated for the Touchdown for Teachers award in 2010, 2011, 2014 and 2016, given by the National Football League's Buffalo Bills for dedication to the community in which she lived; the 2018 Distinguished Alumni Award from Niagara University, New York; and the Polk County Teacher of the Year award for 2019.

Since moving to Florida, she became very involved in Polk County Special Olympics and has helped coach sports such as bowling, softball, swimming, and bocce. She plays unified sports with her brother, Philip, who has autism. Unified sports gives the opportunity to teach acceptance through competitive play while mentoring athletes who have a cognitive disability so that they can build relationships with others and be more successful in everyday life. In the summer of 2018, she was named Polk County's Most Inspirational Unified Partner of the Year.

Ms. Cyran is currently completing her doctorate in educational leadership from Florida Southern College and aspires to be a principal someday. She is a living example of Rita Pearson's quote: "Every child deserves a champion: an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists that they become the best they can possibly be."

For this and more, Ms. Jennie Cyran, we honor you.

HONORING AMAYA BRANNON

Mr. SOTO. In honor of Women's History Month, I would like to recognize Amaya Brannon.

Amaya Brannon is a 10-year-old resident of Auburndale, Florida, and an active, energetic, and personable young woman in the community.

She lives with her aunt Michelle and uncle Brian, along with her sisters, Shianna and Jayla. She enjoys playing soccer, dancing with her sisters, practicing Brazilian jiu-jitsu with her uncle Brian, and being active outdoors.

As a straight-A student in Code Academy in Lakeland, she participates in multiple school activities, including the Fuel Up to Play 60 program.

Amaya has aspirations of a future career in public relations or reporting, all while honing her skills as an artist. She has a heart for giving and helping others in the world.

Most recently, Amaya represented her community as the NFL PLAY 60 Super Kid Ambassador and the Good Morning America Super Bowl Kid Correspondent. She received VIP access during Super Bowl week. Throughout the week, she interviewed players from both teams, hosted a virtual Kids Play Day, was interviewed live on the Taste of the NFL show, practiced with the Buccaneers cheerleaders, and was featured during the second half the Super Bowl. Amaya also reported multiple times throughout the week about her experience live on GMA.

In her heart for helping and leading others, Amaya has pledged to eat healthy and move 60 minutes each day. Despite the unique year and even bad weather, she has been able to remain active. Amaya believes: "If you are healthy and active, you can achieve great goals in life."

For this and more, Miss Amaya Brannon, we honor you.

HONORING FRANCISCO H. DE JESUS

Mr. SOTO. In honor of National Borinqueneers Day on April 13, I would like to recognize Francisco H. De Jesus.

Francisco H. De Jesus was born on March 9, 1924, in the small town of Penuelas, Puerto Rico. In 1950, he was one of the Borinqueneers that was deployed to the Korean war on the USNS *Marine Lynx*. Francisco served for 1 year in the Korean war and then transferred to Panama for a tour as a Military Police member.

Upon completing his active service, Francisco returned to Puerto Rico, rejoining his young family in San Juan. He was an entrepreneur, pursuing numerous business ventures before establishing a very well-known men's store called Heryck's Men's Store in Caparra Terrace.

In 1976, Francisco sold his beloved store and moved his family to Orlando, Florida. For 20 years, Francisco worked for the Orange County School Board as a community liaison in the immigration department. He played a pivotal role in registering migrant families and their children to enable attendance at local schools during the year.

Francisco is a beloved husband, father of seven children, grandfather of

14, and great-grandfather of 16. He is still an avid storyteller, loves listening to music, and is great dominoes player.

Francisco recently celebrated his 97th birthday in Orlando, Florida.

For this and more, Mr. Francisco H. De Jesus, we honor you.

HONORING THE LIFE OF OFFICER KEVIN VALENCIA

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Officer Kevin Valencia of the Orlando Police Department, who was a courageous and heroic officer, a loving husband, father, son, brother, and friend.

On June 11, 2018, Officer Kevin Valencia was shot and critically injured while responding to a domestic violence call where a deranged individual took his own life after killing four children and shooting Officer Valencia.

Officer Valencia risked his life for people he didn't even know, a risk that many in the law enforcement profession take every day without question. Since that tragic night, Officer Valencia has been fighting for his life with his family by his side.

Regretfully, Officer Valencia passed away this week on March 15, 2021, after succumbing to the injuries he sustained.

Officer Kevin Valencia will be remembered by his loved ones as a hero, who selflessly gave to others and always had the best humor.

He is survived by his wife, Meghan Valencia, and their two sons, Kaleb and Kolton.

Thank you, Kevin Valencia, officer of OPD, for your great sacrifices. We mourn your passing, and may you rest in peace.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(b) of House Resolution 188, the House stands adjourned until noon tomorrow.

Thereupon (at 9 o'clock and 53 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, March 18, 2021, at noon.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-612. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Division of Clearing and Risk, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Exemption from Derivatives Clearing Organization Registration (RIN: 3038-AE65) received February 24, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

EC-613. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Division of Clearing and Risk, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's joint final rule — Customer Margin Rules Relating to Security Futures [Release No.: 34-90244; File No.: S7-09-19] (RIN: 3235-AM55) received February 25,